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NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING IN HAVANA

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1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION A SENIOR MALAYSIAN MFA
OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZED THEIR OBSERVER'S REPORT FROM
THE SUBJECT NACB MEETING AS "QUITE NEGATIVE," CITING
THE DIVISIVENESS OF THE PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN THE RADICALS
AND MODERATES. ACCORDING TO OUR MALAYSIAN CONTACT,
THE CUBANS AGGRESSIVELY SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR
HAND, USUALLY, AS NOTED REFS A AND B, VIA USE OF
"PROXIES" SUCH AS ANGOLA. THE MALAYSIANS ARE EXCEED-
INGLY SUSPICIOUS OF CUBAN MOTIVES, AND TROUBLED BY
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WHAT THEY SEE AS BLATANT ATTEMPTS FOR MANIPULATE THE
NON-ALIGNED IN FAVOR OF THE INTERESTS OF ONE OF THE
SUPERPOWERS (READ THE SOVIET UNION). HE INDICATED
THAT THESE SQUABBLES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE REFLECTED
AT THE BELGRADE NAM SESSION NEXT MONTH.

2. ASKED WHY THE GOM CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE

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ACTIVELY IN THE NAM IN SPITE OF WHAT APPEAR TO BE NEGLIGIBLE BENEFITS FOR MALAYSIA, THIS OFFICIAL ASCRIBED IT OT THE SENSE OF BELONGING, AKIN TO MEMBERSHIP IN A CLUB, THAT ALSO AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER NATIONS. EMBOFFS INDICATED THE INCREASING DIFFICULTY WE AND OTHERS WERE HAVING IN ACCEPTING THE"NON-ALIGNED" BONA FIDES OF THE NAM IN LIGHT OF CUBA'S MISCHIEF-MAKING IN AFRICA AND ITS MANI-PULATION OF THE MOVEMENT ON THE SOVIET'S BEHALF.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU DATUK AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, ASSUMING HE IS RE-ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT JULY 8 AND REAPPOINTED TO HIS POST IS LIKELY TO LEAD MALAYSIA'S DELEGATION TO BELGRADE. MALYSIA, DELEGATIONS WILL ALSO INCLUDE OFFICERS FROM MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF MFA AND DIPLOMATS DETAILED FROM SEVERAL MALAYSIAN MISSIONS ABROAD.
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